



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 456

A bill for the relief of the survivors of the 14 members of the United States Armed Forces and the one United States civilian federal employee who were killed on April 14, 1994, when two United States helicopters were shot down over Iraq, so as to provide those survivors with payments similar to the payments already made by the Department of Defense to survivors of foreign nationals killed in the same incident

As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on July 20, 1999

H.R. 456 would direct the Secretary of the Treasury to pay \$100,000 to each of the families of the 14 members of the United States Armed Forces and one federal civilian employee who were killed on April 14, 1994, when a United States fighter aircraft mistakenly shot down two U.S. helicopters over Iraq. CBO estimates that enacting the bill would increase direct spending by \$1.5 million. Assuming enactment late this fiscal year, CBO expects these outlays would occur in fiscal year 2000. (If the bill is enacted by early August, the outlays could occur in fiscal year 1999.) Because the bill would increase direct spending, pay-as-you-go procedures would apply.

H.R. 456 also would require the Secretary of the Treasury to transmit to the Congress within six months of the bill's enactment a report detailing the payments made to the 15 families. Subject to available amounts, CBO estimates the cost of implementing this provision would be negligible.

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